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Honorable William E. Colby Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

The Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations has completed its first set of oversight hearings on the workings of Executive Order 11652 and the security classification system. I want to take this occasion to express my appreciation to you and the Central Intelligence Agency for the full cooperation the subcommittee received in conducting its inquiry from General Counsel John Warner and his staff. His testimony of May 29 reflected the attention given to classification problems throughout the Agency and the amount of hard work going into the effort to reform ingrained attitudes toward security and public information.

It is my intention to continue and extend these oversight hearings this year and next, and I would like very much to solicit your further assistance in the study. Specifically, I would appreciate it if the Agency could forward to the subcommittee on a regular basis the four quarterly reports on authorized classifiers, classification abuses, unauthorized disclosures, and mandatory review requests and the quarterly summary report it transmits to the Interagency Classification Review Committee. Please feel free to delete from those reports any classified material or any identification of specific individuals you feel would be inappropriate for the public record.

In general, I hope the subcommittee staff will enjoy in the future the same kind of cooperation in this

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area it has so far received from the Agency. And, of course, I look forward to further evidence of progress in the Agency in implementing the programs and outlook on classification which Mr. Warner so well described.

Thank you very much for your past and future

Sincerely,

help.

Edmund S. Muskie